

REMARKS

The Decision of December 31, 2009 has been reviewed, and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested. Although Applicants do not agree with the Board's decision, independent claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to clarify distinguishing features of the present application. No new matter has been added.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 to Win *et al* ("Win").

A. Win fails to disclose each and every limitation of the independent claims

Specifically, independent claims 1, as amended, recites a method for integrating security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository comprising "enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system, wherein the reporting system comprises an On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP) decision support system (DSS)," "identifying an authentication process from a plurality of authentication processes comprising a standard-mode authentication, pass-through authentication, and anonymous authentication," and "enabling the first server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository using Open Database Connectivity (ODBC)." Support for these clarifying amendments may be found in the Specification on at least page 6, lines 1-2, page 26, line 19 – page 27, line 15, and page 22, lines 1-9. Applicants respectfully submit that Win, *inter alia*, does not disclose at least these limitations.

Win purports to disclose a network using role-based navigation among protected information resources (col. 1, lines 11-15). More specifically, Win appears to discuss a method and apparatus for controlling access to protected information resources by enabling organizations to

register information sources and user information in a central repository (col. 5, lines 12-14). Win purports to allow administrators to implement access rules by defining roles that users play when working for an organization or doing business with an enterprise, thus forming an additive data model (col. 5, lines 21-23, 57-58). Nothing in Win teaches any type of On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP) decision support system (DSS), a plurality of authentication processes comprising a standard-mode authentication, pass-through authentication, and anonymous authentication, and applying the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository using Open Database Connectivity (ODBC), as claimed. These features are simply not disclosed or even contemplated by Win.

For a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), each and every claim limitation must be shown in a single reference. The outstanding rejection fails to meet this requirement. Thus, the rejection is unsupported and should be withdrawn and allowance of the claim is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 8 and 15, as amended, recite similar limitations to that of independent claim 1, as amended. Therefore, independent claims 8 and 15 are allowable for similar reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1.

B. Dependent claims

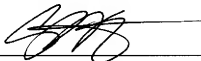
Dependent claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-20 depend from independent claims 1, 8, and 15, respectively. Thus, since independent claims 1, 8, and 15 are allowable as discussed above, claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-20 are also allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claims 1, 8, and 15, respectively. For the reasons stated above, Win fails to disclose the claimed invention and therefore the rejections should be withdrawn and allowance of these claim is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application and all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that prosecution and allowance of the application will be expedited through an interview, whether personal or telephonic, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to the favorable disposition of the application.

The Director is hereby authorized to treat any current or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Applicants also authorize the Director to credit and differences or overpayment of fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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